



# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Farmers around the state continue to be optimistic about this year's crop harvest despite the dry hot weather. Days suitable for fieldwork was 6.7 days. Livestock around the state continue to do well.

## Field Crops Summary

Across the state winter wheat was 91 percent harvested compared to 85 percent the previous week. Barley was 79 percent harvested compared to 70 percent harvested the previous week. Alfalfa 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting was 61 percent harvested compared to 38 percent the previous week. Cache County reports that most of their grain has yielded better than expected while other fields have been disappointing. Alfalfa quality has been exceptional with significant demand for a limited supply. Straw is also a valuable commodity with most of it selling for \$60 to \$80 per ton. Silage corn is beginning the final watering prior to harvest. Most of the corn looks very good with anticipated yields as much as 30 tons or more per acre. Most growers within the county have had sufficient irrigation water this season. Box Elder County reports that farmers are preparing their fields for the seeding of winter small grains. The harvest of small grains, wheat, barley, and oats is almost complete in the county. Onions look good for the most part but the sightings of thrips have been some cause for concern. Fruit producers in the Willard area are pleased with their harvest. Peaches are being picked and the quality and size are outstanding. Weber County reports that farmers are irrigating corn for the last time while harvesting the 4<sup>th</sup> cutting of alfalfa hay. Summit County reports that the 3<sup>rd</sup> cutting of alfalfa hay is just underway. Iron, Carbon, Sevier, and Summit counties report that recent rains have improved pastures and stock water supplies.

## Livestock Summary

Box Elder reports that cattle producers have had a tough week with fires in the western part of the county and southern Idaho. Sevier County reports that livestock have been removed from summer ranges faster than usual due to lack of feed. Carbon County reports that livestock producers are hoping precipitation in other parts of the country will help ease price pressures on local hay for the coming winter.

### Crop Progress for Week Ending August 19, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Onions Harvested	25	20	17	14
Barley Harvested (Grain)	79	70	77	76
Oats Harvested (Grain)	60	54	56	57
Spring Wheat Harvested	83	71	73	68
Winter Wheat Harvested	91	85	85	83
Corn Silk Stage	98	92	95	93
Corn Dough Stage	47	34	44	33
Alfalfa Third Cutting	61	38	53	39
Alfalfa Fourth Cutting	6	NA	NA	NA
Other Hay Cut	96	92	94	97
Apple Harvested	6	NA	NA	NA
Peach Harvested	39	20	36	27
Pears Harvested	15	NA	8	3

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 19, 2007

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Range & Pasture	21	34	32	13	0
Spring Wheat	5	22	39	29	5
Winter Wheat	0	9	44	40	7
Barley	0	2	34	54	10
Corn	0	1	21	59	19
Sheep	0	1	17	73	9
Cattle/calves	0	2	29	61	8

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending August 19, 2007

Item	Current Week	Previous Week	Previous Year	5-Year Average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Cattle Moved from Summer Range	51	47	35	24
Sheep/Lambs Moved from Summer Range	18	13	20	14

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 19, 2007

Item	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Topsoil	29	41	30	0
Subsoil	31	40	29	0
Irrigation water supplies	32	41	27	0
Stock water supplies	14	41	45	0